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**Germany-Frankfurt: ECB - Publications Production  
2020/S 018-038337**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: European Central Bank  
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22  
Town: Frankfurt am Main  
NUTS code: DE712  
Postal code: 60314  
Country: Germany  
Contact person: Central Procurement Office  
E-mail: [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu)  
Telephone: +49 69/13440  
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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html>  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html>  
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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

**I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title:**

Publications Production  
Reference number: PRO-005128

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

79550000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The ECB has several reporting obligations (Economic bulletin, annual report, annual report on supervisory activities, convergence reports, etc.). Additionally, the ECB produces a number of publications which provide information on its core activities. With this procedure the ECB is aiming at awarding a framework agreement for the provision of services related to the production of publications and starting in August 2020. In order to interact directly with the ECB's Publications team, it is expected that the successful tenderers will deploy a small team (at least 2 persons) on the ECB's premises in Frankfurt a. M. The ECB has stopped printing hardcopies of its publications and therefore has replaced the typesetting of its publications in favor of a MS Word- and MS Excel-based production. The production of certain ECB publications is time critical the successful tenderer will have to ensure the timely production of publications.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 1 200 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712

Main site or place of performance:

Contract services to be performed remotely but also including a very small front office at ECB premises in Frankfurt am Main.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

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II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 1 200 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 7

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

(a) the candidate's general capacity to provide the requested supplies and services in terms of technical and human resources (in particularly staff) (weighting of this criterion: 25 %); and

(b) the candidate's general experience and expertise, assessed on the basis of the candidate's past experience and its reference contracts which are comparable in terms of scope, size and complexity with the contract tendered by the ECB. It is considered as an advantage if reference projects are demonstrating a breadth of skills in editing different kinds of documents and languages (weighting of this criterion: 60 %);

(c) the candidate's general approach to quality assurance policy (15 %).

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: no

**II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

**II.2.13) Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

**II.2.14) Additional information**

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts**

**III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

**III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

**III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:**

**III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

**Section IV: Procedure**

**IV.1) Description**

**IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

**IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

**IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

**IV.1.5) Information about negotiation**

**IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction**

**IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 14/02/2020

Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

Date: 09/04/2020

IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

VI.3) **Additional information:**

This tender procedure is conducted via the ECB's electronic tendering system (eTendering) which can be accessed via the following internet address:

<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html>

If you have not used the ECB's electronic tendering system before, you need to register via the above link (click on 'Register'). Subsequently to the registration, you will receive an automated notification with your user credentials to log in (click on 'Login') and to access the tender documentation. Please note that:

— a registration to the above system is only required once and you can reuse your user credentials in all future procedures of the ECB which are conducted via the above system. Therefore, please keep your user credentials for the future,

— In case you should have participated in previous ECB tender procedure(s) in the past which were conducted via the ECB's prior online system, you nevertheless need to register once to the ECB's electronic tendering system under the above address,

— your mere registration does not constitute an application/tender. You must submit your application/tender via the ECB's electronic tendering system as further instructed in the application/tender documentation.

The system reference number for the above procurement is: RFX-PT-2020-000004 Publication production.

To download the tender documents, log on to the ECB's electronic tendering system with your login and password. Expand the field 'Public Tenders – Upcoming Events'. Click on 'Click to request an invitation to this event' for the above procedure and close the new window which opens. Once the request is completed (this can take a few minutes), the status of the participation request will change to 'Invited' and the RFX documentation will be accessible via the RFX tab.

Under the above link you also find user guides for detailed information on how to use the system and contact details for technical support.

Should you require technical help when using the system, please contact the ECB's technical support team at [sourcing.support@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:sourcing.support@ecb.europa.eu) by quoting the reference number and the problem experienced.

Any other queries relating to this procurement procedure and the content of the procurement documentation shall be submitted as message via the ECB's eTendering system (under the tab 'Discussion').

The ECB endeavours to answer all queries as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum time response. The ECB shall not be bound to reply to queries received less than 7 calendar days before the time-limit for the submission of tenders.

The tender procedure shall be open on equal terms to all natural or legal persons resident or located in the European Union and to all natural and legal persons resident or located in a country which has ratified the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Government Procurement or has concluded with the European Union a bilateral agreement on procurement under the conditions laid down in the said agreements.

The tender procedure is conducted in accordance with ECB Decision 2016/2 laying down the rules on procurement (as amended), available on the ECB website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team

Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22

Town: Frankfurt am Main

Postal code: 60314

Country: Germany

Telephone: +49 6913440

Fax: +49 6913446886

Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: The European Ombudsman

Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403

Town: Strasbourg Cedex

Postal code: 67001

Country: France

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

15 days from the receipt of the information specified in Article 34(3) of ECB Decision 2016/2 laying down the rules on procurement or, if no information is requested, 15 days from the receipt of the notification to unsuccessful tenderers. Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of this Decision. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the deadline for lodging appeals.

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: Central Procurement Office of the European Central Bank c/o Legal Advice Team

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Postal code: 60314

Country: Germany

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VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

15/01/2020